



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO
MURRAY FONTES, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT #4 WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC.
FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PERMITTING FOR THE RAIL TRAIL
PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,992

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Planning analysis is required for the rail crossing permit applications being prepared and submitted to the California Public Utility Commission for the City's Rail Trail project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving Contract Amendment #4 for assistance with permitting for the Rail Trail Project with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$12,992.

DISCUSSION:

On January 24, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 9-17 (CM) and an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to provide preconstruction compliance services for construction of the portion of the Rail Trail that is from Ohlone Parkway to the Watsonville Slough Trail trailhead in a not to exceed amount of \$110,904. Three subsequent Contract Amendments increased the total contract amount to \$228,635.00.

Staff is working on plans and permits for the next phases of the Rail Trail project with Phase 2 from Lee Road to Ohlone Parkway and Phase 3 from the Watsonville Slough Trail trailhead to Walker Street. The design consultant for these phases is Harris and Associates, Inc. and they are also helping the City to secure permits from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to allow the trail to cross the railroad tracks at two new locations. Each permit requires that the City provide an analysis that demonstrates that the project is consistent with the CPUC Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. Harris asked Rincon Consultants, Inc. to do the analysis because they did environmental work on this project previously. Since Rincon is currently under contract with the City for other environmental work on this project, staff is proposing to amend the current agreement to include this work.

After the CPUC receives and accepts all of the required documentation, they may take up to 18 months to review and approve the permit. City staff plans to construct Phase 2 in 2023. The schedule for Phase 3 is unknown as property needs to be acquired and the owner has postponed discussions because of the pandemic.

The cost of this work will be paid for by a transfer of funds from the Measure D Trail Maintenance Account Number 0312-927-7837-14321.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan goal:
03 – Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of the amendment will be \$12,992. It will be paid with funds transferred from the Measure D Trail Maintenance Account, Number 0312-972-7837-14321 to Project Account Number 0312-972-7837-14309.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

- 1) Segment 18 Trail Map